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REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement of May 3, 2002, Applicants hereby elect Invention I, corresponding to Claims 1-12, drawn to integrated circuit devices. Applicants have canceled Claims 13-18 corresponding to Invention II, which are drawn to methods of fabricating integrated circuits. This cancellation is being done without prejudice to the filing of any divisional application for these and/or other claims.

Applicants are not traversing the Restriction Requirement, because Applicants agree that, a determination of the unpatentability of Invention I would not necessarily imply the unpatentability of Invention II.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully request favorable examination and allowance of Claims 1-12.

Respectfully submitted,

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